

MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**July 14-15, 1999
Sacramento, California**

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 1:35 p.m. on July 14, 1999 at the Department of Water Resources Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.

The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Edward Sylvester, Chairman
 Robert Abernethy
 Jeremiah Hallisey
 Roger Kozberg
 Dana Reed
 Esteban Torres
 Robert Wolf
 Senator Betty Karnette, Ex-Officio, arrived at 2:30 p.m.

Members Absent: James Kellogg
 Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, Ex-Officio

The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on July 15, 1999. The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Edward Sylvester, Chairman
 Robert Abernethy
 Jeremiah Hallisey, arrived at 8:40 a.m.
 Roger Kozberg
 Dana Reed
 Esteban Torres

Members Absent: James Kellogg
 Robert Wolf
 Senator Betty Karnette, Ex-Officio
 Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, Ex-Officio

1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for June 7-8, 1999 Meeting

The June 7-8, 1999 minutes were presented for approval. Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Kellogg was absent).

1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

The June 1999 List of Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation was presented for approval. Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the List. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Kellogg was absent).

1.(3) Consent Calendar

Deputy Director Robert Chung presented the Consent Calendar and noted the following changes:

Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity #C-17831, #C-17841, and C-17842 were withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.

Item 2.9(5), in STIP Amendment 982-27, the correct funding amount for the Kennedy mine wheels project should be \$123,000 (instead of \$92,000) following an increase of \$20,000 from an original amount of \$103,000 (instead of \$72,000).

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the Item 2.5b(3) on the Potential Consent Calendar and recommended that it be added to the Consent Calendar.

Richard Silver presented a green card and discussed Item 2.6c(1)#5. He discussed concerns about the project and requested that the Commission hold the item over until the Commission staff had review the Caltrain program. The Commissioners discussed Item 2.6c(1) and referred the matter to the Public Transit Committee for review and directed staff to work with BART and Caltrain JPA to schedule a workshop on BART and Caltrain improvements before the Public Transit Committee immediately prior to the September Commission meeting.

ACTION: R. Chung

After discussion, Vice Chairman Reed moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended as changed. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Kozberg and Wolf were absent).

1.(4) Commission Reports

Chairman Sylvester welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner Robert Abernethy.

Commissioner Kozberg discussed the NAFTA Tour sponsored by Senator Kelley and reported on the need for additional federal funding for border traffic improvements.

1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

Sarah Catz, BT&H Agency, discussed the ITIP and Governor's Commission on Building for the 21st Century.

1.(6) Caltrans Report

Caltrans Director Jose Medina discussed Caltrans' construction activities, noting that over \$1 billion of transportation improvements were underway and asking for approval of the ITIP/STIP amendment to be presented later in the meeting. He also discussed the tour of the California/Mexico border sponsored by Senator Kelley.

1.(7) Regional Agencies Report

Regional Agencies Moderator Vic Kamhi invited Commissioners to participate in two workshops on July 29th regarding the 2000 Fund Estimate and Project Delivery. He passed out the agenda for the Project Delivery workshop.

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS**2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals****2.1a. STIP Amendments for Action****2.1a.(1) STIP Amendment 98S-40 - Action**

Amends the 1998 STIP to program the ITIP portion of the 1998 STIP Augmentation. (See also Item 4.2.)

Commission discussion and approval of STIP Amendment 98S-40 was included in Item 4.2 on this agenda.

2.1a.(2) STIP Amendment 98S-32 - Action

Revises programmed year and makes other changes for various STIP projects with components programmed in FY 1999-2000 and beyond.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1a.(3) STIP Amendment 98S-39 - Action

Reprograms \$369,000 in TEA funds, from the Right-of-Way phase programmed in the 1998 STIP to the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Friant Cove Bicycle Rest Stop project. The Council of Fresno County Governments is requesting this amendment.

Marsha Mason, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP amendment and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the STIP amendment. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Hallisey, Kellogg, and Wolf were absent).

2.1b. STIP Amendments for Notice**2.1b.(1) STIP Amendment 98S-41 - Notice**

Adjusts programming to add \$24,000,000 of High Priority (Demonstration) funds from the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century (TEA-21) and \$10,000,000 from the State of Nevada into an Interstate 15 widening project between Victorville and Barstow in San Bernardino County, replacing \$17,411,000 in RTIP funds, \$11,589,000 in ITIP funds, and \$5,000,000 in federal local assistance funds, with the RTIP and ITIP funds reprogrammed to long-life pavement on Route 30, and the Route 30/215 Interchange, Route 215 truck lane, and Route 138 expressway projects in the STIP.

Wayne Lewis, Caltrans, described the STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Vice Chairman Reed requested that this item be put on the August Consent Calendar.

2.1b.(2) STIP Amendment 98S-42 - Notice

Reprograms \$500,000 in federal TEA funds from the Stockton Amtrak Station to the Bakersfield Amtrak Station, as part of Caltrans' statewide TEA project to upgrade stations along the San Joaquin rail line.

Marsha Mason, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Vice Chairman Reed requested that this item be put on the August Consent Calendar.

- 2.1b.(3) STIP Amendment 98S-43 - Notice**
Increases Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds for the County of Los Angeles by \$12,951,000 from \$3,700,000 to \$16,651,000 for FY's 1999-00 through 2003-04. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is requesting this amendment.

The Commission noticed this item and Vice Chairman Reed requested that it be placed on the August Consent Calendar. The Commission asked Caltrans to display the size of county share balance before and after a STIP amendment when bring forward future STIP amendments where new programming is drawing against a county share balance.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

- 2.1b.(4) STIP Amendment 98S-44 - Notice**
Programs State-only funds to a new pavement rehabilitation project on San Juan, Shore, Union, and Fairview Roads in San Benito County for \$1,616,000 in FY 1999-00. The Council of San Benito County Governments is requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

- 2.1b.(5) STIP Amendment 98S-45 - Notice**
Adds \$1,843,000 in State only funds to four signal projects on Skyway, Neal, Clark, and Billie Roads, in Butte County. The Butte County Association of Governments is requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

2.1b.(6) STIP Amendment 98S-46 - Notice

Revises the cost for eight, and the cost and the schedule for two, local road rehabilitation projects in the STIP, and programs two additional rehabilitation projects on Jerseydale and Indian Peak Roads, in the County of Mariposa. The Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.

Wayne Lewis, Caltrans, described the STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented next month for approval.

2.1c. TCI Amendments for Notice/Action

No Items This Month

2.1d. Proposition 116 - Non-Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

**2.1d.(1) Project Approval Amendment to amend the project scope and transfer applicant status for the Pacific Coast Bike Route from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to the City of Morro Bay.
Resolution PA-99-16 Amending Resolution PA-97-01**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.1d.(2) Project Approval for \$415,994 for pedestrian walkway projects in the Cities of Tulelake, Montague, Dunsmuir, and Mt. Shasta, in the County of Siskiyou.
Resolution PA-99-17**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1e. Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

**Project Approval for \$6,650,000 to City of South Lake Tahoe for Park Avenue Intermodal Station Project.
Resolution PA-99-18**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.2 Environmental Matters**2.2a. Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

Route 5 in Los Angeles County - Modify the Western Ave. Interchange in the City of Glendale

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the process for environmental documents and discussed the Commission's role in reviewing the documents. He described the proposed project in the City of Glendale, noting that the STIP contained funding for only the lower-cost of two alternatives being considered. Commissioner Wolf had made the point, during discussion of Item 4.2 the day before, that the higher-cost alternative would better meet the project need.

The Commission discussed the cost of the project alternatives and expressed concern about the \$8 million funding gap should the higher-cost alternative be chosen. After discussion, Commissioner Kozberg moved to prepare and send comments about the cost impact of the more expensive project. Vice Chairman Reed seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Kozberg, Torres, and Wolf were absent).

ACTION: P. Hathaway

2.2b. Comments on Document in Circulation (Draft EIR)

No Items This Month

2.2c. Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding (Negative Declaration)

**2.2c.(1) Route 5 in Fresno County - Realign Salt Creek channel
within the existing Parkhurst Equipment
Undercrossing, about nine miles north of the Routes
33/145/5 intersection.
Resolution E-00-1**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.2c.(2) Route 58 in Kern County - Rehabilitate pavement east
of Mojave.
Resolution E-00-2**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.2d. Adoption of Findings on Final EIR

No Items This Month

2.3 Highway Route Matters

2.3a. Route Adoptions

No Items This Month

2.3b. New Public Road Connections

No Items This Month

2.3c. Four Relinquishment Resolutions

- **01-Lak-53-PM 2.9/3.5 Route 53 in the City of Clearlake
Resolution R-3401**
- **02-Plu-70-PM 75.5/R78.4 Route 70 in the City of
Portola
Resolution R-3402**
- **07-LA-105-PM 9.0/9.8 Route 105 in the County of Los
Angeles
Resolution R-3403**
- **07-LA-107-PM 4.7/5.5 Route 107 in the City of
Lawndale
Resolution R-3404**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3d. Vacation Resolutions

- **02-Sha-44-PM R23.3/R24.4 Route 44 in the County of
Shasta
Resolution A-841**
- **06-Ker-14-KP 67.9/74.5 Route 14 in the County of
Kern
Resolution A-842**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters

2.4a. Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances

10-Cal-04-52.0

Merlo, et al.

C-17827

Vice Chairman Reed noted that the property owner had not appeared for the Resolution of Necessity hearing. (Note: Four days after the Commission meeting, correspondence was received at the Commission office from Bradford J. Dozier, Atherton, & Dozier Attorneys at Law, representing the property owners. That correspondence indicated that neither the property owners nor their representative planned to appear at the meeting, but wanted their letter submitted for the record because they continued to oppose the Resolution of Necessity. This correspondence has been included in the official record.)

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway described the project to widen and realign a 0.2 km segment of Route 4 near Murphys due to higher than normal accidents for a conventional two-lane highway.

Commissioner Abernethy inquired into the actual accident rate at the location of the proposed project in comparison to the normal accident rate for similar highways.

Chief Deputy Director Hathaway reviewed the statutory requirements for a Resolution of Necessity and discussed the need for the 1/3 acre of the property owner's 34 acre parcel.

Karla Sutliff, Caltrans, reviewed the project and the need for the project. She also reviewed the justification for the safety project and then reviewed the property owner's objections to the project. She noted that the property owner had attended the first review but not the second review.

Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion. Chairman Sylvester ordered a roll call vote. The motion carried 6-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Abernethy, Hallisey, Kozberg, Reed, Sylvester, Torres (6)

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: Commissioners Kellogg and Wolf

**2.4b. 16 Resolutions of Necessity
C-17828 through C-17830
C-17832 through C-17840
C-17843 through C-17846**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4c. Airspace Lease Direct Negotiation

No Items This Month

**2.4d. Director's Deeds
Items # 1 Through 8
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$2,155,564
Return to Others: \$0**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

**2.5a. Financial Vote for Fourteen Minor Projects totaling \$6,185,600
plus \$135,700 from other sources.
Resolution FP-99-01**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Vote for STIP/SHOPP Projects on the State Highway System.

2.5b.(1) STIP Projects

No items this month

**2.5b.(2) Seven SHOPP Projects totaling \$14,005,000.
Resolution FP-99-03**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5b.(3) Two SHOPP Projects Amended into the SHOPP
by Department Action totaling \$1,560,000.
Resolution FP-99-04**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5b.(4) One SHOPP Project Amended into the SHOPP
by Department Action for \$1,667,000.
(Caltrans District 11 Building.)
Resolution FP-99-05**

This item was withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.

**2.5c. Financial Vote for STIP/TEA/CL/EEM Projects off the State
Highway System**

**2.5c.(1) Two Local Assistance STIP Projects totaling \$175,000
plus \$1,034,800 from other sources.
Resolution FP-99-06**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5c.(2) Five Local Assistance TEA Projects totaling \$1,541,000
plus \$1,560,000 from other sources.
Resolution FP-99-07**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5c.(3) One Local Assistance Conservation Lands (CL) Project
for \$12,000,000 plus \$1,560,000 from other sources.
(Contingent upon adoption of Conservation Lands
Program under Item 4.7.)
Resolution FP-99-08**

Marsha Mason, Caltrans, reviewed the project and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the project. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Kellogg and Wolf were absent).

**2.5c.(4) One EEM Project for \$200,000 plus \$53,375 from other sources. (Contingent upon adoption of EEM Program under Item 4.6b.)
Resolution FP-99-09**

Rick Gumz, EEM Program Manager, presented this item and asked for approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the item and Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Kellogg and Wolf were absent).

**2.5d. Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount. Two Projects totaling \$5,970,000.
Resolution FP-99-10**

- **05-Mon-101 - SHOPP Project in Monterey County on Route 101. Rehabilitate Roadway. Current programmed value of \$2,175,000 and current estimate of \$2,982,000, for a 37 percent increase over programmed amount.**
- **07-Ven-33 - SHOPP Project in Ventura County on Route 33. Replace two bridges. Current programmed value of \$1,366,000 and current estimate of \$2,988,000, for a 119 percent increase over programmed amount.**

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the two projects and explained the cost increases. Commissioner Kozberg asked if Caltrans would have done anything different for the bridge on Route 33 if it had known the cost would be twice as high, and Mr. Nicholas said no, the age and condition of the bridge offered no realistic alternative.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the funding for the cost increases. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Abernethy, Kellogg, and Wolf were absent).

**2.5e. Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects Two Projects totaling \$1,770,000.
Resolution FA-99-01**

- **03-Pla-80 - SHOPP Project in Placer County on Route 80. Original vote \$13,500,000. Awarded for \$11,710,000. Current allocation \$13,081,000. This request of \$1,600,000 is for an on going project, for a grand total of \$14,681,000. 25 Percent increase over award.**
- **07-LA-110 - STIP Project in Los Angeles County on Route 110. Original vote \$11,000,000. Awarded for \$11,000,000. Current allocation \$12,500,000. This request of \$170,000 for claims settlement, for a grand total of \$12,670,000. 15 Percent increase over award.**

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the projects and explained why supplemental funds were required.

Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the supplemental funds. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Abernethy, Kellogg, and Wolf were absent).

2.5f. Informational Reports on Allocations Under Delegated Authority

- 2.5f.(1) Emergency: G-11 Allocations**
Three Projects totaling \$4,292,000
Plus Two Additional Projects Totaling \$1,046
For a Total of Five Projects Totaling \$5,338,000

See Item 2.5f.(4)

2.5f.(2) Phase II Seismic Retrofit: G-11 Allocations

No items this month

- 2.5f.(3) SHOPP Rehabilitation: G-99-10 Allocations**
Fifteen Projects totaling \$87,074,000.

See Item 2.5f.(4)

**2.5f.(4) Local Assistance Allocations for Local Storm
Damage and Local Street and Road Pavement
Rehabilitation:
G-99-09 Allocations
Sixty Project allocations totaling \$23,348,025.**

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the Emergency G-11 allocations totaling \$5,338,000. He also presented a status report on the Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 allocations and reviewed 15 SHOPP rehabilitation G-99-10 allocation and 56 local project G-99-09 allocations.

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

**2.6a. Financial Vote for One Local Transit Capital Improvement
(TCI) Program Project for \$400,000.
Resolution MFP-99-01**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b. Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Bond Fund Program Projects

2.6b.(1) Local Proposition 116 Rail Program Projects

No items this month

2.6b.(2) State Proposition 116 Rail Program Projects

No items this month

**2.6b.(3) Two Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Program
Projects totaling \$2,539,538.
Resolution BFP-99-01**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6c. Financial Vote for State/Local STIP Rail/Transit Projects

**2.6c.(1) Eight Local STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling
\$129,282,000
Resolution MFP-99-02**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.6c.(2) One Local STIP Intercity Rail Project for \$2,500,000.
Resolution MFP-99-03**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6d. Financial Vote for Multiple-Program Funded Projects

No items this month

2.6e. Allocation Amendments

No items this month

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters

No Items This Month

**2.8 Time Extension Requests per CTC Resolution G-99-03, 1998 STIP
Interim Guidelines, Section 47 - Timely Use of Funds / Prop 116
Waiver Requests**

2.8a. Request to Extend the Period of Project Allocation

No Items This Month

2.8b. Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award**2.8b.(1) Three Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Projects.**

Marsha Mason, Caltrans, reviewed extension requests from Lake, Riverside, and Sacramento counties, explained why the projects needed more time, and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the extension requests. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Kellogg, Kozberg, and Wolf were absent).

2.8b.(2) One Toll Bridge Project - Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the request for an extension to April 2000 and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the extension request. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Kellogg, Kozberg, and Wolf were absent).

2.8c. Request to Extend the Period of Project Completion

No Items This Month

2.8d. Request to Extend the Period of Project Reimbursement

No Items This Month

2.8e. Proposition 116 Waivers

No Items This Month

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions

- 2.9(1) STIP Amendment 98S-22. Originally approved February 17, 1999. Change in Proposition 116 funding amount from \$778,000 to \$800,000 on Oakland Embarcadero Bay Trail project in competitive bike program.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(2) Resolution FP-98-29B. Originally approved October 27, 1998, in the amount of \$750,000 for the Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (YARTS) Phase I & II RIP project. In the text of the Resolution change the project's Program from RIP to IIP and the Program coding from 30.10.200.725 to 20.30.600.731. This technical amendment will ensure that funding approved for this project is allocated as programmed.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(3) Resolution FP-98-76. Originally approved May 5, 1999, in the amount of \$28,188,000 for four (4) RIP projects. Change the funding on project #4 (San Diego – R/W for 4-lane freeway) from State Administered Federal funds (101-890) and State Administered funds (101-0042) to State Administered funds only (101-0042). This technical amendment will ensure that funding approved for this RIP project is allocated as programmed.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(4) Resolution MFP-98-28. Originally approved May 5, 1999, in the amount of \$10,613,000 for the Sacramento Regional Transit South Corridor Extension project. Change the funding from State Administered Federal funds (101-890) to State Administered funds (101-0042). This technical amendment will allow the local recipient (SACOG) to use State only funds for the project and is consistent with STIP Amendment 98S-25, adopted on March 29, 1999.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(5) STIP Amendment 98S-27. Originally approved March 30, 1999. Change funding amount by \$20,000 for Kennedy Mine Wheels and Plymouth Beautification TEA projects in Amador County to conform with Amador RTIP.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(6) Resolution MFP-98-21. Originally approved March 30, 1999, in the amount of \$150,000 for the Sacramento Regional Transit District's 65th Street Park and Ride Project. Change the funding year from 1998 to 1997. The technical change is required to allow encumbrance of funds against the appropriate year.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(7) Resolution MFP-98-24. Originally approved March 30, 1999, in the amount of \$560,000 for the Sacramento Regional Transit District's Downtown Folsom Right of Way Acquisition Project. Change the funding year from 1998 to 1997. The technical change is required to allow encumbrance of funds against the appropriate year.**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3. PROGRAM STATUS

3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 1998-99 Finance Report

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the monthly finance report indicating that the cash balance is presently about \$1.5 billion due to higher construction activity during summer. She also noted that Caltrans is ready to submit about \$300 million for FHWA's redistribution of obligational authority in August, and will have to use some local assistance apportionments to finish using obligational authority this year.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, discussed the status of the three projects which have been voted but not awarded and discussed the estimated bid opening dates for two projects and the planned advertisement date for the third project. He also discussed the changing bid environment. The Commission requested that he schedule for the Commission's September meeting an updated report on Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofitting.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

3.3 Report on FY 1998-99 STIP Projects Without Extension Requests

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reported on the status of 50 projects that were in danger of lapsing and indicated that all but 12 were allocated by June 30.

3.4 Monthly Report on the Century Freeway Drainage Problem Status and Feasibility

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, discussed the history of the drainage problem and summarized the Department's activities to resolve the problem reviewed three projects designed correct the drainage problem. The Commission discussed the drainage problems and asked that Commissioners Kozberg and Reed review the status of the Century Freeway drainage correction on a monthly basis and report back to the full Commission on an as need basis.

ACTION: Commissioners Kozberg and Reed

3.5 Biannual Status Report on Proposition 116 Program

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the Proposition 116 Program summarizing the applications and allocations and/or funds spent for each category within the program. He also discussed the balance of funds not applied for or not allocated and the provision that permits the Legislature to redirect unapproved and unallocated funds to other projects in the same jurisdiction after June 30, 2000.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 State Legislative Matters

Status of Bills

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham noted that 38 transportation-related bills were still active and highlighted the following 3 bills:

- SCA 3 (Burton) Transportation Funding: County Sales and Use Taxes
- SB 315 (Burton) Transportation Infrastructure Bonds
- SB 928 (Burton) Transportation Financing: (GARVEE Bonds)

4.2 Presentation of Caltrans Interregional Transportation Improvement Program Related to 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation (See also Item 2.1a.(1).) Addendum #1 to Resolution G-99-07

The following legislators appeared before the Commission and recommended approval of particular projects proposed in the ITIP:

Assemblyman John Longville
Assemblyman Wally Knox
Senator Adam Schiff

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented an overview of the ITIP, reviewed the benefits of the new projects, discussed the success of SB 45, and requested approval of STIP Amendment 98S-40 to add the ITIP Augmentation into the 1998 STIP.

Commission staff handed out a draft of Addendum #1 to Resolution # G-99-07 (which adopted the STIP Augmentation) to add the ITIP Augmentation. The Commissioners discussed the ITIP Augmentation proposal. Commissioner Wolf asked to add a clause to Addendum #1 expressing Commission support for the Alameda Corridor - East Extension project but requiring the authority responsible for the project to conduct a workshop for the Commission to define the scope, benefits, full funding requirements, and implementation of the project and complete a Memorandum of Understanding detailing how the STIP funds will be used in the context of the project, before seeking an allocation of STIP funds. Senator Betty Karnette noted her agreement with the intent of the clause, and the Commissioners agreed to include it.

Chairman Sylvester read a June 29, 1999 letter from Commissioner Kellogg into the record in which Commissioner Kellogg offered his apologies for his unavoidable

absence from the Commission meeting, stated his high regard for the proposed ITIP and indicated that if he were present he would most definitely vote for its adoption.

The following individuals presented testimony to the Commission in support of particular projects in the ITIP proposal, and of the entire package:

Dan Herron, San Luis Obispo COG
Bill Davis, Southern California Regional Rail Authority
Steve Cohn, Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority
Gil Mallery, Amtrak
Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Hector De La Torre, Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Stan Randolph, California Trucking Association
Barbara Goodwin, Fresno COG
Lynne Kidder, North Bay Council
Dr. Nancy Jewell Cross, Clean Air Transport Systems

Senator Karnette spoke in support of the Metrolink Project, and of approving the proposed ITIP Augmentation.

During the testimony of Mr. De La Torre and Mr. Randolph, the Commissioners and Tony Harris of Caltrans discussed his request for a truck study for the Route 710 corridor north of the ports in Los Angeles. Since such studies cannot be funded within the STIP, Commissioner Torres moved to ask Caltrans to convene a group of interested parties to define the scope, responsibilities, and funding for the study, and commit to getting it done. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion which passed 7-0 (Commissioner Kellogg was absent).

ACTION: T. Harris

Chairman Sylvester asked Caltrans to send Mr. De La Torre a copy of a letter describing how studies such as this one can be funded.

ACTION: T. Harris/C. House

Commissioner Hallisey moved to approve STIP Amendment 98S-40 and Addendum #1 to G-99-07 subject to Commissioner Wolf's revision and consistent with Governor Davis' direction. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Kellogg was absent).

4.3 Presentation of Draft Fund Estimate for 2000 STIP

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, reviewed the draft Fund Estimate and the programming capacity for the Toll Bridge Account, the Aeronautics Account, Proposition 116 Bonds, the Public Transportation Account, and the State Highway Account. She also discussed the inflation factor for capital projects, the likelihood that local agencies would not utilize all funds available to them, the shelf for project delivery shortfall, and the impact on the cash balance.

The following individuals submitted green cards and presented testimony to the Commission:

- Randy Rentschler, MTC
- Craig Scott, SANDAG
- Debbie Hale, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

The following action items resulted from the discussion of Item 4.3:

- Report back to the Commission on options and constraints in consideration to eliminate tolls on the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

ACTION: J. Borucki

- Present to the Commission by December a full review of options to remedy the shortfall in the PTA account.

ACTION: C. Oldham

- Notify Commissioners of the time and location of the Regional Agencies' July 29th meeting on the 2000 STIP Fund Estimate and on Project Delivery.

ACTION: P. Hathaway

- Redefine the Draft Fund Estimate for consideration and action by the Commission at the August meeting.

ACTION: J. Borucki/D. Brewer

4.4 Northern Hearing on Draft Permanent STIP Guidelines

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, discussed the draft permanent STIP Guidelines and noted that six public meetings had been conducted and 13 written comments received. He also noted that the draft contained changes beyond those discussed at the southern hearing in Los Angeles last month and briefly reviewed the changes.

Regional Agencies Moderator Vic Kamhi discussed the RTPAs' concerns and discussed Short Term Reserves.

The following individuals submitted green cards and presented testimony to the Commission:

Charles Field, Rural Counties Task Force
Therese McMillan, MTC

Chairman Sylvester noted that the Rural Counties Task Force suggestion was in concert with SB 45 and should be taken into consideration.

Chairman Sylvester asked Caltrans to assemble a complete listing of comments received over the last few months on the draft guidelines and present that listing for consideration at the August Commission meeting.

ACTION: G. Hagan

4.5 Project Study Reports (PSRs)

4.5a. Presentation on Preparation, Scope and Contents of PSRs

Joan Sollenberger, Caltrans, reviewed the PSR requirements and discussed PSR preparation, scope, and content. She also reviewed Regional and Caltrans coordination and reviewed the PSR MOU and available dollars for PSRs. The Commission asked staff to schedule a meeting for Commissioners Abernethy, Wolf, and Sylvester and Bob Buckley to review both the time cost and effort associated with preparing individual PSRs and the issues associated with updating the PSR Guidelines.

ACTION: B. Remen/P. Lowry

4.5b. Presentation of Draft Project Study Report (PSR) Guidelines

Debbie Mah, Caltrans, reviewed the distribution and issues of the PSR Guidelines.

The Commissioners discussed comment period and process for conflict resolution. Commissioner Wolf discussed the need for third party participation in the process and expressed concern about some PSRs being held to a greater standard than others.

Vice Chairman Reed discussed the need to have the Guidelines reviewed by a committee before they were adopted.

Regional Agencies Moderator Vic Kamhi asked that consultation with the RTPA's be included.

The Commissioners discussed concern about projects not coming forward for programming because of incomplete PSRs. Chairman Sylvester asked that Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Abernethy, and himself meet with Caltrans to better understand the PSR issues.

4.6 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program

4.6a. Amendment to Project Allocation Guidelines for EEM Program - Notice

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, discussed the guidelines amendment and recommended them for adoption at the August Commission meeting. He also noted technical changes on pages 2, 6 and 7. The Commission asked that he incorporate into the draft Financial Guidelines the three changes discussed and present the revised draft at the August meeting for action.

ACTION: G. Hagan

4.6b. Adoption of FY 1999-2000 EEM Program Resolution G-99-20

EEM Program Manager Rick Gumz reviewed the statutory requirements for the EEM Program and presented an overview of the 41 projects, 20 of which were in the North and 21 of which were in the South.

Director of Parks and Recreation Rusty Arias expressed his appreciation for the Commission's work on the EEM Program and added that he was pleased the Commissioners had been able to review an EEM project first hand.

Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the EEM Program as presented. Vice Chairman Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Kellogg and Wolf were absent).

4.7 Adoption of Conservation Lands Program Resolution G-99-21

Marsha Mason, Caltrans, reviewed the Conservation Lands Program and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to adopt the program as presented. Commissioner Hallisey seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Kellogg and Wolf were absent).

4.8 Adoption of Biennial Update of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - Element of the California Aviation System Plan (CASP)

Bob Moore, Caltrans, reviewed the CIP and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to adopt the Biennial Update of the Capital Improvement Program. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Kellogg was absent).

4.9 Review and Comment on Northern and Southern California High Speed Rail Route Options (See also Public Transit Committee Agenda Item 2.)

Vice Chairman Reed reported on the Public Transit Committee meeting noting that the High Speed Rail Authority will meet next week to adopt the alignment and would be reviewed again by the Public Transit Committee in November.

Vice Chairman Reed also reported on the guidelines for Intercity Rail stations as discussed at the Public Transit Committee meeting. He requested that Caltrans work with Commission staff to develop the guidelines.

The following action items resulted from discussions on this matter:

- This fall, schedule an update briefing on the High Speed Rail Authority's recommendations.

ACTION: R. Chung

- Continue preparation of guidelines for station boarding standards with the purpose of using these standards to consider both adding and closing stations.

ACTION: R. Chung/W. Weber

4.10 Report on Funding Redistribution Effects of County Share Formulas Under SB 45

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway presented the report on funding Redistribution Effects of County Share Formulas Under SB 45 as requested by Vice Chairman Reed. He summarized three issues: (1) Which counties receive funds redistributed by the formula, and in what amount; (2) Are regions programming projects of interest or benefit to the state with the redistributed funds; and (3) Should the Commission develop a policy to encourage or require regions to program projects of interest or benefit to the State at least to the extent of redistributed funds.

Chief Deputy Director Hathaway noted that although no action was needed today, the issues had been distributed to the RTPAs and Caltrans and may be revisited in the future.

4.11 Report on Federal Court Decision Regarding Air Quality Conformity

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, reviewed the three impacts of the recent federal court decision regarding air quality conformity. He also reviewed the counties not in conformity and projects that could be impacted by the ruling.

4.12 Amend Delegation of Allocation Authority to the Department of Transportation for Project Development Components of Local Grant Projects Programmed in the STIP Resolution G-99-22 Amending Resolution G-99-11

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the amendment and recommended approval.

Vice Chairman Reed moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Kellogg and Wolf were absent).

4.13 Summary and Status of Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA) as Contained Within TEA-21

Ken DeCrescenzo, Caltrans, reviewed the TIFIA goals, eligibility requirements, and project criteria. He also reviewed the application process and discussed TIFIA as a tool for financing projects in California. Chairman Sylvester asked Caltrans to provide information regarding application procedure and schedule for the second round under the federal TIFIA program to regional agencies and Self Help counties. Caltrans was also requested to report back to the Commission on the outcome of applications for the first round of TIFIA funding both nationally and within California.

ACTION: K. De Crescenzo

5. MODAL ISSUES

5.1 Rail

No Items This Month

5.2 Highways

No Items This Month

5.3 Transit

No Items This Month

6. OTHER MATTERS

Irene Itamura, Caltrans, briefed the Commission on Caltrans' activities to improve the environment in the Lake Tahoe area in response to Governor Davis' concerns about the condition of Lake Tahoe. Commissioner Reed suggested that other similar briefings be included in the agenda when time allows.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director